

Application No. 10/662,073
Amendment dated May 27, 2008
Reply to Office Action of February 27, 2007

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 33 of the originally filed application with the following amended paragraph:

-- With reference to Figure 11, in[[In]] one embodiment of the present invention, the absorbent composite 1701 comprising superabsorbent materials 810 of the present invention may be placed essentially throughout the entire absorbent composite and/or absorbent product. With reference to Figures 12 and 14, in[[In]] another embodiment of the present invention, the superabsorbent materials 810 within the absorbent composite 1702,1704 may be present primarily in the target area 814 in the immediate proximity of where liquid enters the absorbent product. With reference to Figure 15, in[[In]] yet another embodiment of the present invention, the superabsorbent materials 810 in the absorbent composite 1705 may be incorporated primarily away from the target area 814.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5 of the originally filed application with the following amended paragraph:

-- With reference to Figure 11, the[[The]] absorbent composite 1701 may be formed by mixing the superabsorbent materials 810 in an essentially homogeneous 812 manner. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 28 of the originally filed application with the following amended paragraph:

-- With reference to Figures 11-14, it[[In]] should be noted that the superabsorbent material 810 may be distributed uniformly 812 within the absorbent composite 1701,1702,1703,1704 or may be non-uniformly distributed within the absorbent composite. The superabsorbent material 810 may be distributed throughout the entire absorbent composite 1701,1703 or may be distributed within a small, localized area 814 of the absorbent composite 1702,1704. --

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 34 of the originally filed application with the following amended paragraph:

— With reference to Figures 11-15, the~~[[The]]~~ absorbent composites 1701,1702,1703,1704,1705 of the present invention may be formed from a single layer of absorbent material or multiple layers of absorbent material. In the case of multiple layers 816, the layers 816 may be positioned in a side-by-side or surface to surface relationship and all or a portion of the layers 816 may be bound to adjacent layers. In those instances where the absorbent composite includes multiple layers, the entire thickness of the absorbent composite may contain one or more superabsorbent materials or each individual layer may separately contain some or no superabsorbent materials. Each individual layer may also contain different superabsorbent materials from an adjacent layer. --